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THE UNION COUNTY INSTITUTE

Largest and Best in New Mexico. 143 Teachers from Ten States Come Here for Their Professional Work.

The Union County Institute opened its regular annual session at the ed its regular annual session at the day morning with the largest enrollment in its history. The enrollment to date has reached one hundred forty-three members, which is an enrollment of twenty-four more than any former enrollment, and by far the largest enrollment in the state.

Owing to the fact that our county superintendent makes the most careful plans and provides the best possible opportunities for teachers to secure the work they need, Clayton has become known throughout the whole southwest as the best place to go for institute work. The excellent program carried out by five regular instructors has brought teachers from Kentucky, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Arkansas, Illinois, Tennessee, Missouri, and all parts of New Mexico, who are the guests of Clayton during this week and next. It is believed that many of these will like this section of the country so well that they will be induced to east their lot with Union county people permanently.

The great school advancement during the past four years in Union county is due to the efficient work of the wide awake progressive corps of teachers who have settled in the county during that time. This great educational growth is one of the main factors that is causing Union county to forge to the front so rapidly.

Rev. Ray S. Dum of the first M. E. Church, has charge of the singing and devotional exercises each morning from 10:10 to 10:40. The public is cordially invited to visit the institute and is especially invited to attend the general exercises.

On Friday morning Dr. Bright made a few remarks to the teachers. His remarks were very favorably received. One of the main thoughts expressed by Dr. Bright was the necessity on the part of teachers to be "up-to-date" in their work.

Miss Menafee played several excellent selections on the violin Tuesday morning during the general exercise period, Mrs. Priestley playing the accompaniment. The selections were encored by the institute.

Mrs. M. R. Jones of this place, is in charge of the music, having two large classes daily. The work which is being done by Mrs. Jones is of a high grade.

Miss Russell, formerly of Clayton, but now of the North Hill school of Roswell, New Mexico, is doing excellent work for the teachers of the institute.

Professor Kregbaum, principal of the Des Moines school, is proving himself to be an instructor of rare ability, while Professor T. J. Perry is doing some excellent work in Botany, Agriculture and English.

Supt. Hofer, one of the best institute conductors in the great southwest is living up to his reputation as an institute worker. The institute baseball team meets the Clayton team at base ball park at 4:30 this afternoon. This promises to be an exceptionally fast game as Clayton has an excellent team and the institute team is second to none in the county. The admission will be free. Come out and see a good game.

A public entertainment will be given by the institute at the court house in Clayton Monday, July 19, at 8:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited to be present.

The names and addresses of those attending the institute are as follows:

Max Arnett, Pasamonte, N. M.
Winifred Arnett, Pasamonte, N. M.
Mrs. Rosie Asling, Hayden, N. M.
Maggie Becker, Clayton, N. M.
Maud Bryan, Coates, N. M.
Rosetta Byrne, Des Moines, N. M.
Hazel Brotherton, Thomas, N. M.
Zoa Bonnett, Corrumpa, N. M.
Minnie Bowen, Thomas, N. M.
F. A. Burks, Sampson, N. M.
Maxine Bryson, Grande, N. M.

Mrs. Frances R. Burghart, Logan, N. M.

C. D. Byrne, Des Moines, N. M.
Lysle Bradley, Mosquero, N. M.
Bettie L. Brooks, Clayton, N. M.
Clint Clark, Seneca, N. M.

Dora Cornitt, Wanette, N. M.
Nora Cannell, Ione, N. M.
Mabel Coulson, Clayton, N. M.
Clydes Carroll, Des Moines, N. M.
Ethel Cunningham, Coates, N. M.
Mattie Cunningham, Coates, N. M.
J. F. Cunningham, Denver, Colo.
Georgie Chase, Clayton, N. M.
Mrs. Lou Chelf, Mt. Dora, N. M.
F. A. Clark, Harrisburg, Okla.

S. V. Cissell, Logan, N. M.
Carolyn Chelf, Mt. Dora, N. M.
W. W. Coulson, Clayton, N. M.
Herbert Callon, Des Moines, N. M.
Farree Chiles, Clayton, N. M.
Mrs. Clyde Dodson, Texline, Tex.

Marcia Dean, Mt. Dora, N. M.
Katie Day, Sedan, N. M.
Bennie Dodd, Moses, N. M.
Mrs. H. J. Ellard, Clayton, N. M.
S. F. Fishel, Sedan, N. M.
Beulah Findley, Dedman, N. M.
Ethel Fitzgerald, Grandview, N. M.
Homer Farrar, St. Louis, Mo.

Lloyd Ferguson, Rose Hill, Kans.
Ina Giles, Kenton, Okla.
Fannie Giles, Kenton, Okla.
John H. Guyer, Clayton, N. M.
Henrietta Goessling, Des Moines, N. M.

Benjamin Garcia, Pasamonte, N. Mex.

Audrey Gibbs, Simpson, N. M.
Mrs. S. F. Groissaint, Rosebud, N. M.

Cora Gilliam, Wanette, N. M.
Epifanio Garcia, Reyes, N. M.
Edna Haug, Sedan, N. M.
Frances Harrison, Supply, Okla.
Margaret Harrison, Supply, Okla.
Raymond Huff, Des Moines, N. M.

Mrs. Nettie Hannaman, Clayton, N. M.
Mabel Heffner, Clayton, N. M.
Mrs. Nelle Hauser, Hayden, N. M.
Ina Hardgrave, Clayton, N. M.
Irene Howard, Clayton, N. M.
Nettie Hammers, Clayton, N. M.
Kate Hamm, Clayton, N. M.

Melvin Jenkins, Amistad, N. M.
Myrtle Jennings, Cone, N. M.
W. A. James, Erick, Okla.
Rose Jungblutt, Grenville, N. M.
Ora E. Jones, Grande, N. M.
Stella Kendrick, Coates, N. M.
Bertha Kerr, Hayden, N. M.

John H. Kerr, Hayden, N. M.
William Kerr, Hayden, N. M.
Vada Kite, Clayton, N. M.
Ruby Kost, Patterson, N. M.
Susie Labenski, Texline, Texas.
Linnie Laster, Clayton, N. M.
Clorina Long, Thomas, N. M.

B. W. Lile, Clayton, N. M.
Magdalena Lujan, Mexhoma, Ok.
Juanita Lujan, Mexhoma, Okla.
Augustin Lopez, Cone, N. M.
Beulah McNeill, Odessa, Mo.
A. J. Leyba, Moses, N. M.

Mabel F. Mitchell, Chandler, Okla.
J. F. Moorehead, Hayden, N. M.
Etta McClellan, Hayden, N. M.
Nora McClellan, Hayden, N. M.
Oscar D. Moore, Rayton, N. M.
Elsie Myers, Grenville, N. M.
Marie Myers, Grenville, N. M.

Louise McDonald, Shattuck, Okla.
Elizabeth McDonald, Shattuck, Okla.
H. G. McDaniel, Mosquero, N. M.
W. E. McNow, Dedman, N. M.
Vida McArthur, Texline, Texas.

James McArthur, Texline, Texas.
Mrs. Maude Miller, Seneca, N. M.
Emma Manglesdorf, Vance, N. M.
Ollie D. Newman, Clayton, N. M.
Jesse Naylor, Mexhoma, Okla.
Delurdes Naranjo, Rosbud, N. M.
Mrs. E. A. Page, Sedan, N. M.

Maretha Ramey, Clayton, N. M.
Reese Perry, Grande, N. M.
Henrietta Philipsen, University Place, Nebr.
Josefa Romero, Beenham, N. M.
Francito Romero, Beenham, N. M.

Mary Rucker, Amistad, N. M.
Pearl Rose, Dedman, N. M.
Sallie Reeves, Clayton, N. M.
Cicero Rodgers, Jr., Des Moines, N. M.
Ruth L. Reese, Sedan, N. M.
Theo. Rodgers, Pennington, N. M.
Tina Boone Scott, Georgetown, Kentucky.

E. L. Stephens, Sedan, N. M.
Mrs. E. L. Stephens, Sedan, N. M.
J. H. Shirley, Thomas, N. M.
Vera Swoyer, Hayden, N. M.
Annoe A. Scott, Sampson, N. M.

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SHERIFF OUSTED FROM OFFICE

After Hearing Evidence Judge T. D. Lieb Temporarily Suspends R. T. Mansker. T. J. Crumley Named.

Last Friday and Saturday and part of Monday, were taken up in a special session of district court, Judge Lieb presiding, in hearing the evidence in the case of the State of New Mexico vs. Robt. T. Mansker, sheriff of Union county. About thirty witnesses were examined, and their testimony considered damaging to the defendant. District Attorney Remley and his assistant, O. L. Phillips represented the state and prosecuted the case vigorously. Mr. Mansker was well defended by Attorneys Leahy and Toombs. The order of the court is only temporary and Mr. Mansker will have a trial by jury at the regular September term. Lack of space forbids the publication of the testimony. Below will be found, in part, the decision of the court as furnished The News by the official court stenographer: "The other cases having been disposed of, the court will now give its decision in the state vs. Mansker, sheriff, in which the evidence was concluded yesterday.

"I remember that on the last day that I was here at the last term of court, Mr. Phillips, the Assistant District Attorney, and myself, had the sheriff come to my room, and we had a very serious talk with him. A few days before we had sent for the sheriff on Sunday night, and under our eyes, had directed him to make a raid upon a gambling den which we had been watching. As a result of this raid over twenty persons were brought before us, from this one den, and, from the evidence resulting, it was disclosed that gambling was going on in the same manner in all the other saloons in town—an appalling condition that should make every right-minded citizen of Clayton hang his head in shame. At that interview we very frankly told the sheriff that such a condition did not look well for him; that it was his duty to apprehend persons so engaged in gambling; that we would assist him with all the arms of the court; that the law provided a penalty not only against the gambler for gambling, but also against the officer who failed or neglected to do his duty to suppress gambling, and that if he failed to do his duty, the severity of the law would be visited upon him. At that time I am sure that we both hoped that it would be unnecessary for anyone to file any charges against the sheriff. We both had, and for that matter, still have for him a sincere feeling of friendship. But citizens of this town have taken up the matter, and, in the manner prescribed by law, filed the accusation upon which evidence has just been heard. The law requires the court to hear such an accusation within 15 days after it is filed. Having heard the evidence on behalf of the state and defendant it now behooves the court to render its decision thereon.

"The charges in the accusation against the sheriff upon which evidence was introduced are, in substance, as follows:

- (1) Failure or neglect to perform the duties of his office.
- (2) Gross immorality.
- (3) Receiving bribes.

These will be discussed in their order.

"The evidence in this case shows conclusively that from the date that the defendant took his office in January, 1912, up to the present time, open gambling has been going on in all the saloons in Clayton; and at other places, for more than two-thirds of the time; that the sheriff and his deputies had frequently seen such gambling and knew it was going on; that it was so open and notorious that practically every one in Clayton knew of it. And yet, such a condition was allowed to continue with but few arrests, up until the March term of this court, when it was terminated by the raid just mentioned. The Court is compelled to find that the defendant has both failed and neglected to perform the duties of his office de-

voting upon him by virtue of the law.

As to the second charge, it was shown by the evidence that the defendant was seen in a saloon gambling; that he had offered to stake a gambler; that his autos, whose stand was in front of his pool-room, were run back and forth from that place carrying passengers to a house of prostitution outside the corporate limits of Clayton, and that he had heard of one of his deputies having frequently violated the law by gambling and had taken no steps to cancel his commission. The Court must take this evidence into consideration.

We come now to the charge of bribery. It is proved conclusively that when a carnival was in Clayton in May, 1913, the gamblers went around among themselves and raised a purse of \$200.00. At that time they told each other that this money was to be given to the sheriff for protection from arrest during the carnival. Mr. Eklund had charge of the money after it was raised, and he admitted upon the witness stand that he had told Mr. Easterwood that he had given this \$200.00 to Judge Toombs, then and now the defendant's attorney. But when placed upon the witness stand Mr. Eklund told an entirely different story. He said that he had agreed to raise \$500.00 to give to the carnival; that he raised but \$300.00 of this among the business houses, and the balance from the saloon men or gamblers. It is significant that while he could tell who subscribed for every dollar of the \$200.00, he could not give the name of a single subscriber to the \$300.00 fund. He paid with currency, not check; took no receipt, had no correspondence, and could not remember the name of the person or company to whom he had paid all this money. When giving this evidence he had the same smile on his face as when he said "I did what I could to keep them from gambling" as if the whole of it was some colossal joke. Gray and Carson told a similar story. In fact, the story of the "carnival contribution" was never heard of until a few days before this trial, and the whole thing was so improbable and unreasonable that no sane man could give it credence. The fact that such a story should be resorted to at all, shows that it is an abortive effort to protect some person or persons higher up. All the evidence, when taken together and fairly considered, indicates unerringly who those persons are.

Now, I am very sorry to have to say these things. I am still more sorry to have to do what I am about to do in this case. I have sentenced two men to be hanged with less pain than I experience now. It seems clear to me what I should do. There is but one thing for a public officer to do and that is to go ahead and perform his sworn duty regardless of his own feelings and what criticism may be heaped upon him.

The decree of this court will be that the defendant, Robt. T. Mansker, be suspended from office pending a final hearing in this case as provided by law.

Now, as to his successor. In about six weeks there will be the next regular term of this Court. Whoever is appointed will have charge of practically all the preparations incident to such a term. He should, therefore, be familiar with the duties of the sheriff's office, and in addition to that, he should be a fearless and efficient officer. The only person that I know of who meets all these requirements is T. J. Crumley, and I am going to appoint him to fill the vacancy. Now, I know this appointment will be criticized. I know just exactly what some people will say about it; but a condition confronts the court that must be met. I know Mr. Crumley to be one of the most efficient officers in the district, and I believe in his courage and integrity. It is my appointment, and in making it, I feel that I should lose sight of every consideration except the public welfare and the enforcement of the law. This I have conscientiously tried to do, and I believe the results attained will justify my action.

WILSON FOR NEXT PRESIDENT

Member of Congress Sees no Chance for Republicans to Make any Headway in Campaign.

Washington, July 14.—Representative William R. Smith left Washington Tuesday with the members of his family, to spend the remainder of his time in Texas prior to the convening congress in December.

Before leaving Congressman Smith discussed the national political situation with the Times correspondent. He said:

"Everyone who has taken the trouble to analyze the present conditions and observe the trend of public sentiment, if unbiased, must be convinced that the democratic party will again next year present Woodrow Wilson as its nominee, and that he will be overwhelmingly elected. Why not? He has completely and bitterly disappointed his political enemies who predicted and hoped for the failure of his administration, and has even surpassed the high expectations of those who supported him in the belief that he would make one of the great presidents the country ever had. No president has had larger or more difficult problems to solve, yet who will say that he has not met them with all steadfast courage and solved them with wisdom?

"There are other great democrats who by service, ability and experience, are capable of filling this office creditably, but in my opinion none of them will offer, and the name of Woodrow Wilson will be the only name presented to the convention and his nomination will be unanimous.

"It is true that some are predicting that ex-Secretary Bryan will organize and lead a revolt; but with those who are making this prediction, the wish is father to the thought. The ex-Secretary and the President do not agree at this time as to the best method of maintaining peace with honor, and as the matter involves a question of conscience with Mr. Bryan, his resignation from the cabinet merely gives another proof of his high moral character and courage. Upon every other question, foreign and domestic, they are in accord, and I have no doubt that next year will find the superb talents of Mr. Bryan employed in vindication of the magnificent record which President Wilson and the democratic congress have made.

"The false prophets who now, as many times before, predict disloyalty on the part of Mr. Bryan to his party, will again find that his want of agreement with the president upon only one question, will be no incentive to him to betray his country back into the hands of that party organization with which he disagrees on all questions and which he has spent so many years of his life in fighting.

Republican calamity-howling will not get the opposition anywhere in the next campaign. The country well understands that whatever depression in business there has been has disappeared and could not anyway intelligently be charged to anything the administration has or has not done. Even if it could be, the republican party will have to base its appeal upon something else in view of the great business disaster which overtook the country in 1907 when that party had had complete control of the country so long and all the world was at peace.

"In the next campaign the republican party will have to do more than attack the record of this administration. It will have to defend its own unsavory record which was so completely and overwhelmingly repudiated two years ago by the American people.

"We have now gotten away from the system of special privilege that they so long maintained, and I do not believe that even the 'cohesive power of public plunder' will ever be strong enough to return us to that system again."

John Knox of Holland, attended business in the city the first of the week.